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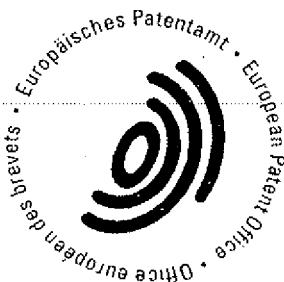
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-16

These claims relate to a microfluidic device comprising a PFPE material prepared from a PFPE precursor material specified in terms of its viscosity.

2. claims: 17-24

These claims are directed to a microfluidic device comprising a fluoroolefin based elastomer based on the combination of two specific monomers.

3. claims: 25-36

This group of claims concern a method for functionalizing the surface of a microscale device by forming a layer of a functionalized material selected from a PFPE precursor or a liquid fluoroolefin-based precursor.

4. claims: 37-92

These claims concern a method of forming a two layered device on a substrate. The two layers are selected from a specific group of PFPE, PDMS, PU precursors.

5. claims: 93-98

These claims concern a method of adhering a microdevice to a substrate by solidifying a liquid precursor material which encases the substrate and the device.

6. claims: 99-108

These claims define a method of forming a microstructure by disposing a layer of a PFPE precursor on a substrate and then placing a multidimensional structure on said treated PFPE layer.

7. claims: 109-115

Claims 109-115 relate to a method for forming a microstructure wherein a predetermined volume of a degradable or selectively soluble material is deposited on the patterned surface of a PFPE material.

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

8. claims: 116-130

These claims are directed to a method of flowing a material in a microchannel of a microfluidic device which device is made of a PFPE material, a fluoroolefin-based elastomer or combinations thereof.

9. claims: 131-152

These claims concern a method of mixing two materials in in a microdevice which device is made of a layer of a PFPE material, a fluoroolefin-based elastomer or combinations thereof.

10. claims: 153-172

These claims are directed to a method of screening a sample for a characteristic by contacting the sample with a target material in a microdevice. The device is made of a layer of a PFPE material, a fluoroolefin-based elastomer or combinations thereof.

11. claims: 174-184

These claims concern a method of separating a material from a mixture flowing in a specific region of a microdevice

12. claims: 185-197

These claims concern a method of dispensing a material through the outlet aperture of a microchannel of a microdevice. The microdevice is made of a layer of a PFPE material, a fluoroolefin-based elastomer or combinations thereof.

Apparently the above groups of claims concern different subject-matters which are defined by means of different combinations of features so that there is no single general inventive concept linking them together.

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